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I have a dream. Someday, I really want to doodle on a dog.
Can I draw on whiskers?
Can I make him look like a panda?
I've asked many times to draw on the pets of my friends, but nobody ever lets me. "Get your own dog to draw on," they say. Are they crazy? I wouldn't want a weird-looking dog like that.

—Eiichiro Oda, 1997

Eiichiro Oda began his manga career at the age of 17, when his one-shot cowboy manga **Wanted!** won second place in the coveted Tezuka manga awards. Oda went on to work as an assistant to some of the biggest manga artists in the industry, including Nobuhiro Watsuki, before winning the Hop Step Award for new artists. His pirate adventure **One Piece**, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump magazine** in 1997, quickly became one of the most popular manga in Japan.

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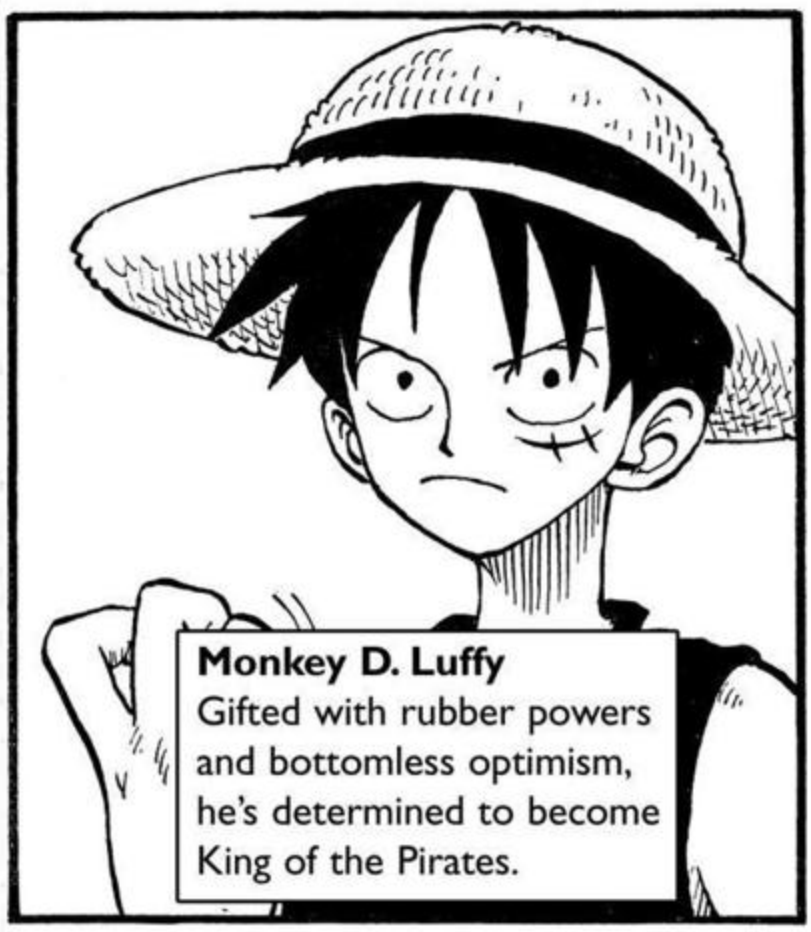

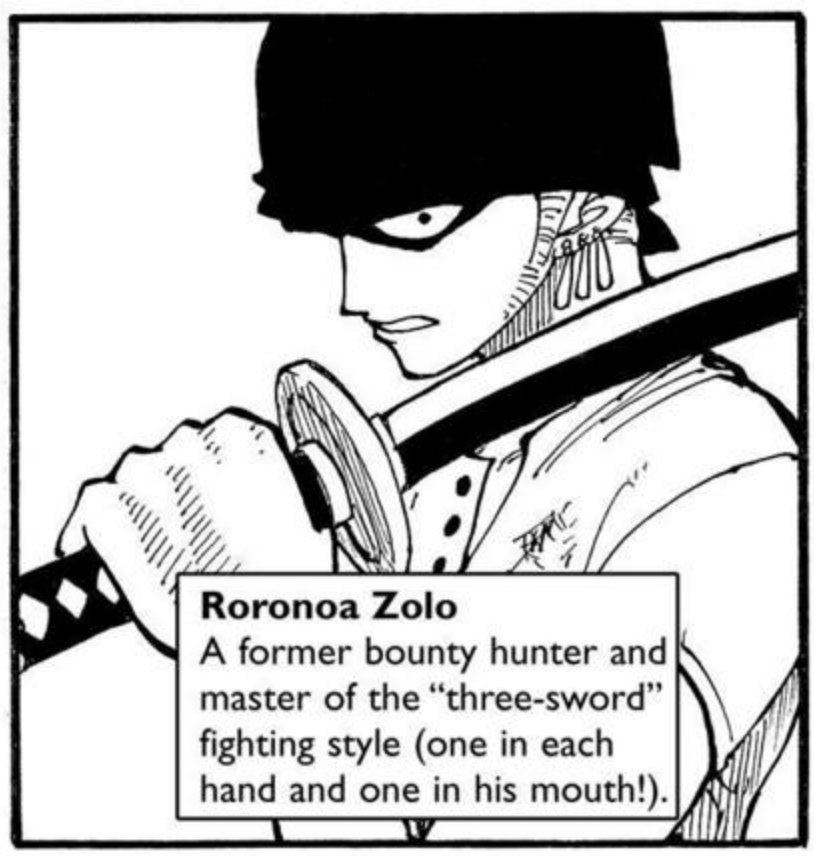

THE STORY OF ONE PIECE
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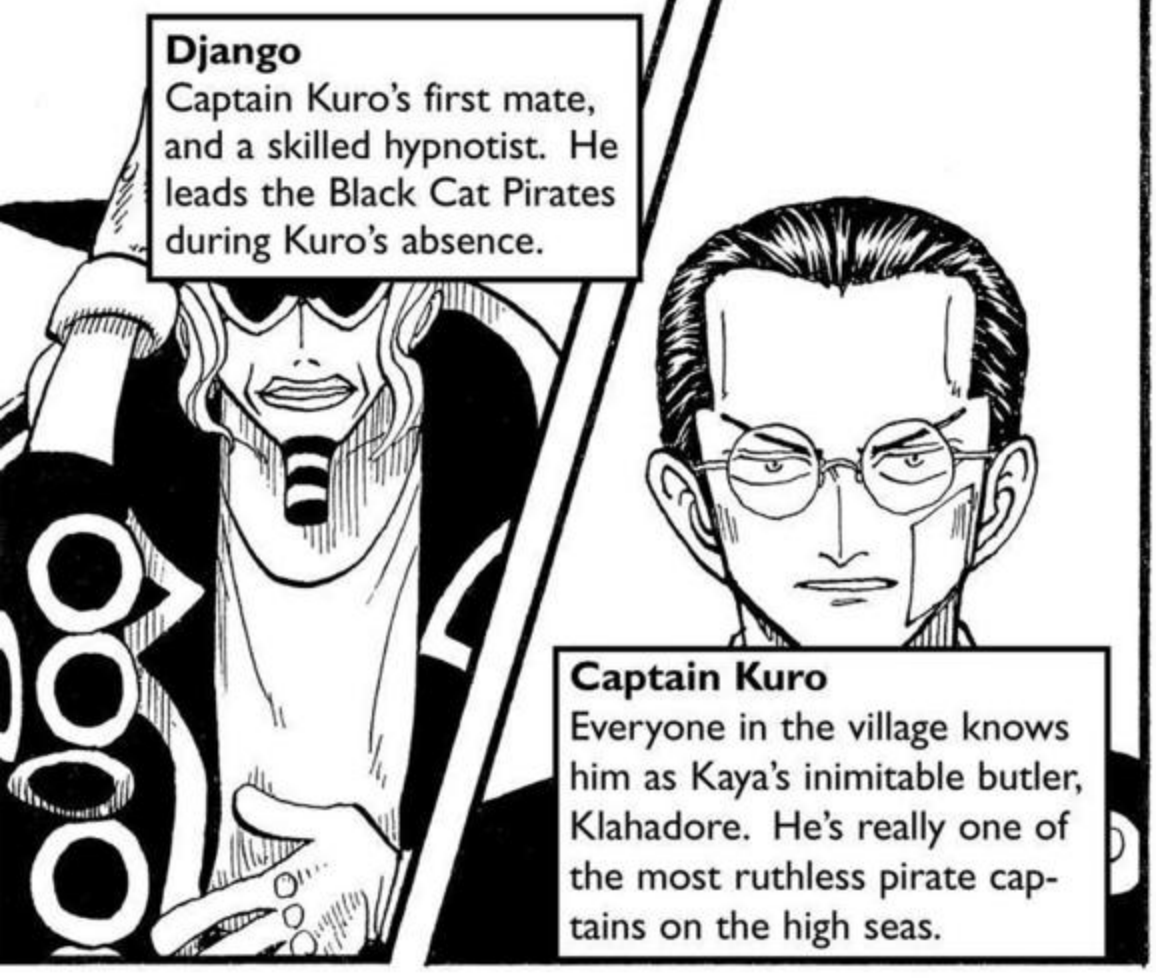
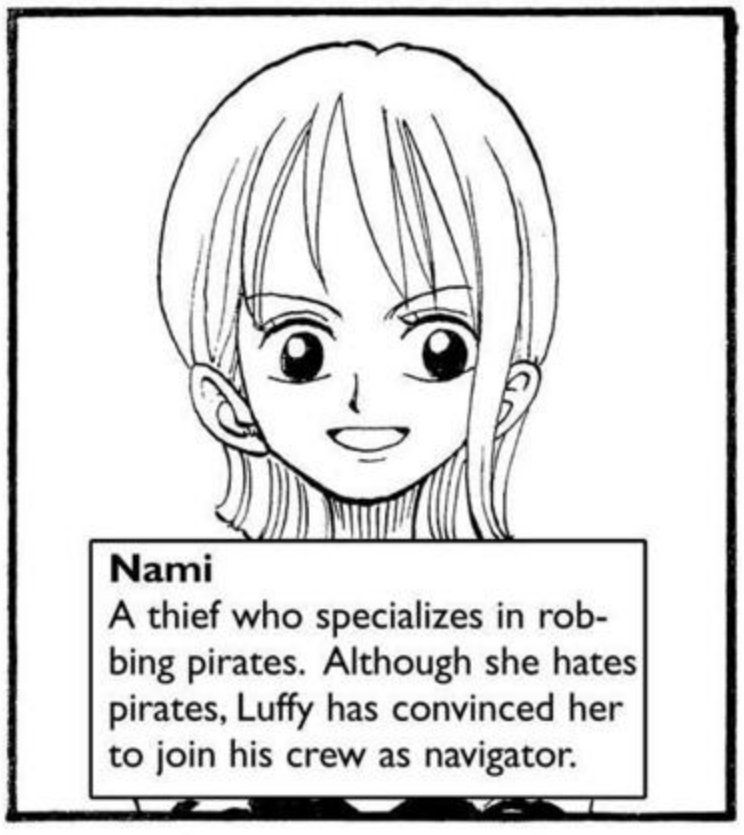
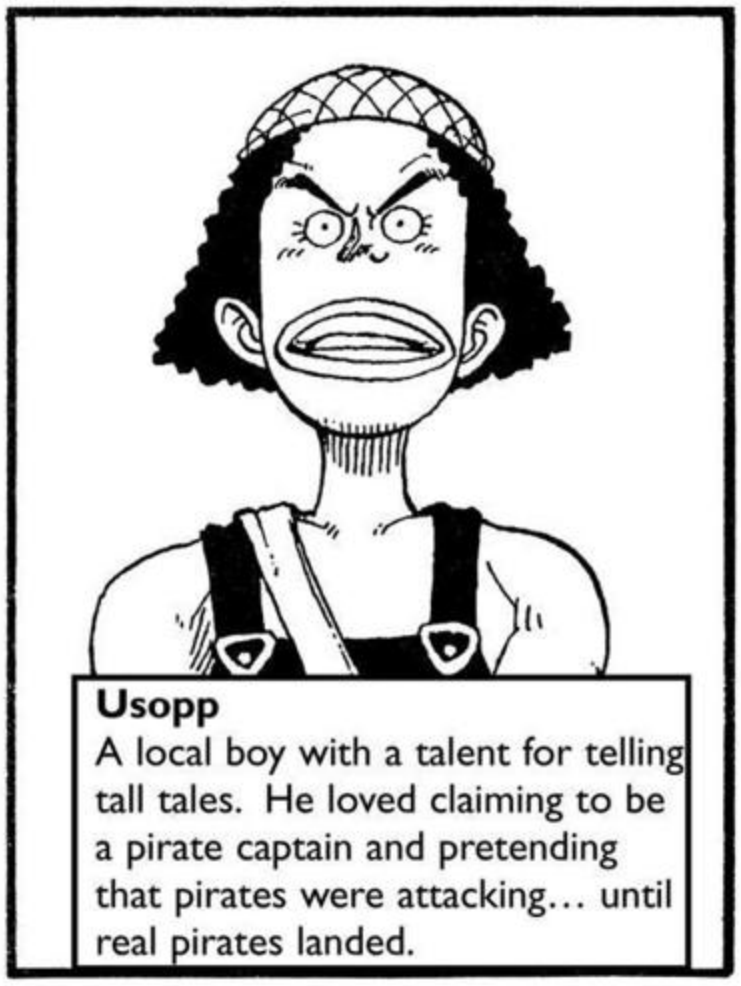
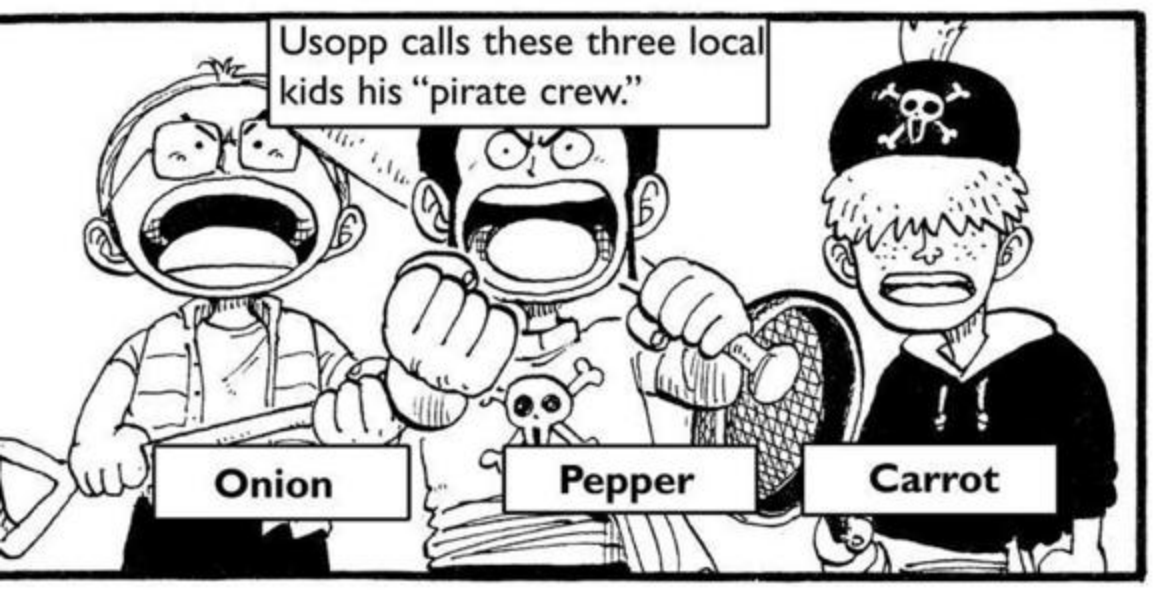
Monkey D. Luffy started out as just a kid with a dream – and that dream was to become the greatest pirate in history! Stirred by the tales of pirate "Red-Haired" Shanks, Luffy vowed to become a pirate himself. That was before the enchanted Devil Fruit gave Luffy the power to stretch like rubber, at the cost of being unable to swim – a serious handicap for an aspiring sea dog. Undeterred, Luffy set out to sea and recruited a couple of crewmates: master swordsman Zolo and treasure-hunting thief Nami.

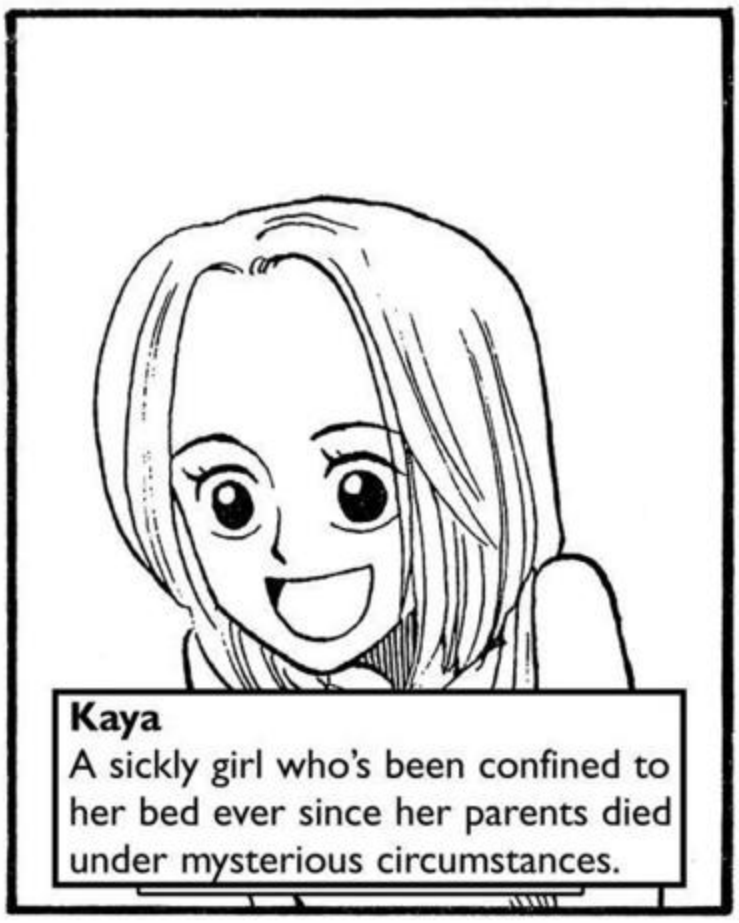

Django
Captain Kuro's first mate, and a skilled hypnotist. He leads the Black Cat Pirates during Kuro's absence.
Captain Kuro
Everyone in the village knows him as Kaya's inimitable butler, Klahadore. He's really one of the most ruthless pirate captains on the high seas.


Nami
A thief who specializes in robbing pirates. Although she hates pirates, Luffy has convinced her to join his crew as navigator.

After stopping at a tiny seaside village for food and supplies, Luffy and his crew have landed at the center of a pirate plot. For three years, the evil genius Captain Kuro has been posing as a mild-mannered butler to steal the fortune of a sickly girl named Kaya. At dawn, Kuro's followers, the Black Cat Pirates, will invade the village, plunder it – and kill Kaya!
Fortunately, a local boy named Usopp has learned Kuro's plot.
Unfortunately, Usopp is famous as the town's biggest liar…


Usopp
A local boy with a talent for telling tall tales. He loved claiming to be a pirate captain and pretending that pirates were attacking… until real pirates landed.





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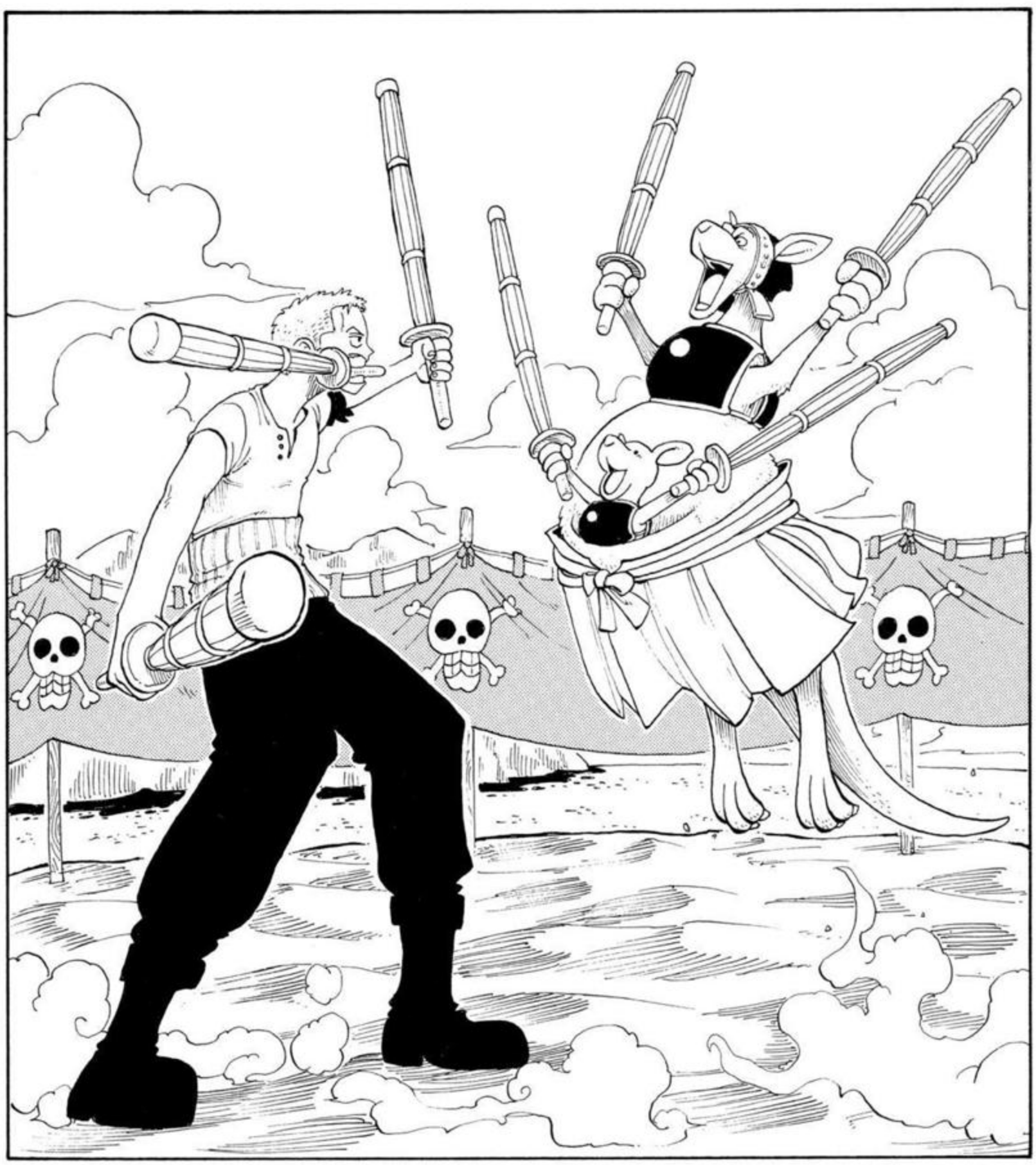
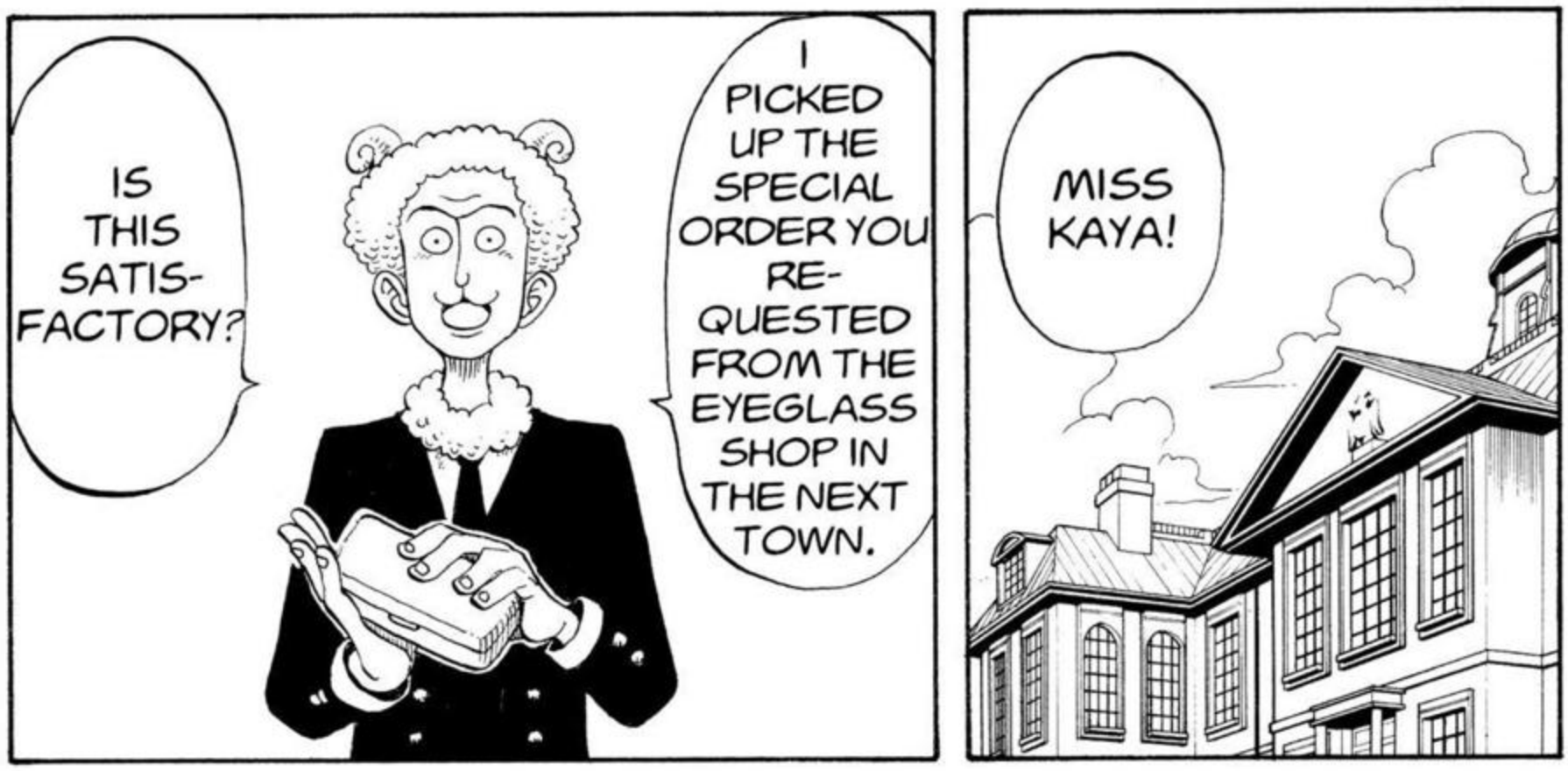
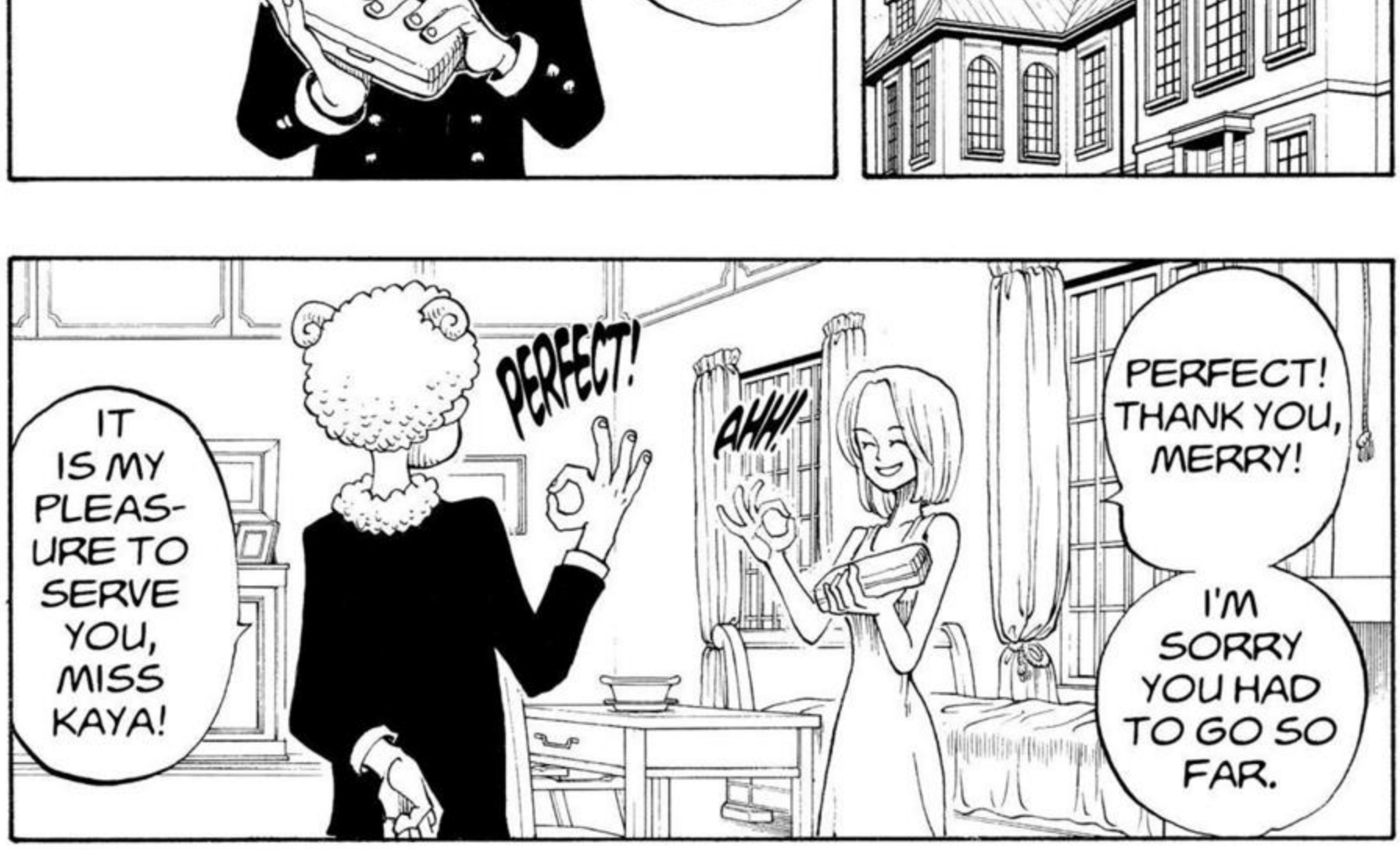
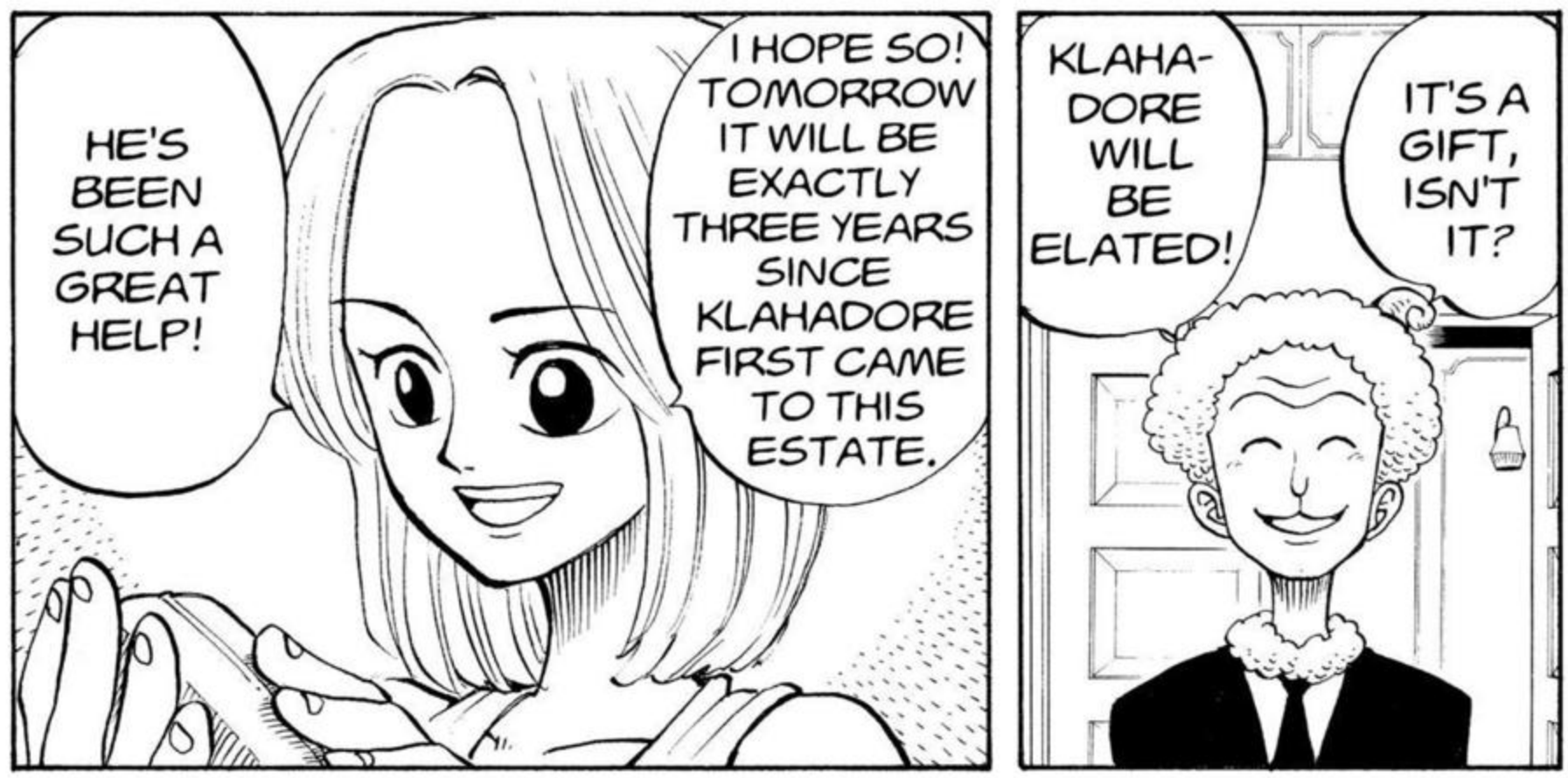



IS THIS SATIS-FACTORY?
I PICKED UP THE SPECIAL ORDER YOU RE-QUESTED FROM THE EYEGLASS SHOP IN THE NEXT TOWN.
MISS KAYA!


IT IS MY PLEAS-URE TO SERVE YOU, MISS KAYA!
PERFECT!
AHH!
PERFECT! THANK YOU, MERRY!
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GO SO FAR.


HE'S BEEN SUCH A GREAT HELP!
I HOPE SO! TOMORROW IT WILL BE EXACTLY THREE YEARS SINCE KLAHADORE FIRST CAME TO THIS ESTATE.
KLAHA-DORE WILL BE ELATED!
IT'S A GIFT, ISN'T IT?

PIRATES ARE GOING TO ATTACK!!!

GRR

GRR

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!! TOMOR-ROW AT DAWN!!

EVERY-ONE!! LISTEN TO ME!!

BUT THIS TIME IT'S TRUE!!!

YAAAAAH

IF WE BELIEVED YOU EVERY TIME YOU CRIED "PIRATES!"...

...WE'D BE FLEEING TO THE HILLS EVERY DAY!

FWOOSH!

GET HIM!

HE'S FAST!

...

YIPE!!

AND THIS TIME, WE'RE REALLY GOING TO CLOBBER YOU!!

REALLY, MR. STRAW HAT MAN? PIRATES ARE REALLY GOING TO ATTACK THE VILLAGE?

MISS KAYA'S GOING TO BE KILLED!?

WHAT!?

HSSH

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!!

THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID.

YUP.

AND THE HYPNO-TIST IS IN ON IT, TOO!!

I NEVER DID LIKE HIM!!

SO THAT ***BUTT***-LER REALLY IS A BAD GUY!!

IT'S STRANGE. I THOUGHT I WAS ON ***TOP*** OF THE CLIFF.

KIND OF AN ODD PLACE TO TAKE A NAP, ISN'T IT?

PIRATES ARE GENER-ALLY PRETTY DUMB!

THEY CAN JUST HIDE OUT IN THE HILLS.

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. THE VILLAGERS HAVE PLENTY OF WARNING.

THAT'S WHY HE WAS RUNNING TOWARD THE VILLAGE LIKE HIS PANTS WERE ON FIRE.

SO THAT'S WHAT YOUR CAPTAIN WAS DOING...

HURRY!!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

...PIGGY BANK... SNACKS... MODEL SHIP... WHAT ELSE?

YEAH, AND WE'D BETTER TAKE ALL OUR VALUABLES!!

HEY! MAYBE WE SHOULD GO HIDE, TOO!!

AAAAAHHH!!

BEFORE THE BUTCHER LEAVES TOWN!!

I'VE GOT TO GO BUY SOME MEAT!!

WHAT'S WRONG?

OH NO!!

HUFF...
HUFF...

WUP

WUP

HUFF...
HUFF...

YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE, KAYA!!

YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER!!!

USOPP! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!

I WAS AFRAID YOU'D NEVER COME BACK...

BAM BAM!!

BAM BAM!!

YOUR BUTLER IS REALLY A PIRATE!!

YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED!!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HE WAS AT THE BEACH, GOING OVER THE PLAN WITH HIS HENCH-MAN!!

IT'S NO JOKE, KAYA! I HEARD HIM WITH MY OWN EARS.

KLAHA-DORE? A PIRATE? IS THIS A JOKE?

WHAT?

HE'S BEEN POSING AS A BUTLER FOR THREE YEARS JUST TO ROB YOU!!

HE SAID HE TRICKED HIS WAY INTO YOUR SERVICE TO GET HIS HANDS ON YOUR FORTUNE! HE'S A PIRATE CAPTAIN!!

...!!

HE SAID THEY'RE GOING TO KILL YOU!!!

HIS PIRATE CREW IS GOING TO ATTACK TOMORROW AT DAWN!

USOPP, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

...!?

YOU DISAPPOINT ME, USOPP!!!

PLEASE STOP THIS!!

YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE, FAST!!!

HE'S A DASTARDLY VILLAIN!!

!

HEY! IT'S THE LIAR! HE'S SNUCK ONTO THE ESTATE AGAIN!

...

HEY, DO YOU HEAR VOICES IN THE COURT-YARD?

WHA--!?

...KLAHA-DORE ADMITTED THAT HE WENT TOO FAR! HE SHOULD NEVER HAVE SAID THOSE THINGS!

WHAT HE SAID ABOUT YOUR FATHER...

!?

YOU'D ACTUALLY USE ME TO GET BACK AT KLAHA-DORE LIKE THIS?

BUT THEY WERE SO MUCH FUN...

YOUR STORIES WERE ALWAYS FILLED WITH ROMANTIC AND UNBELIEVABLE THINGS...

...!!

I NEVER BE-LIEVED YOU WOULD SINK SO LOW!!

BUT I WON'T LISTEN TO YOU TELL LIES ABOUT HIM!!

NO!!

K-KAYA...

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO TELL A LIE LIKE THAT? IT'S DESPIC-ABLE, USOPP!

I LOVED YOUR LIES!

I'M NOT TRYING TO GET BACK AT ANY-ONE!

!!

KAYA, WAIT!!

HOW COULD YOU!?

STOP! LET ME GO! I'M NOT DONE TALKING YET!

SWAP

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL TOSS THIS RAT OUT.

!

WHAM!!

MISS KAYA! HAS HE HARMED YOU!?

CHOMP

ARRGH!!

LET ME GO!!!

...! CURSE YOU!!

!

DIRTY BRAT!

WUP

...!!

KA-KLIK...!!

STOP!

FWOING

FWIP

WHAM!

OOF!!!

BOOMD!!

I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU STOP ME!!

ANIMAL!!

FWOING

FWIP

THWIZZ

UNGH!!!

USOPP! PLEASE STOP!!

HE'S DOWNED *BOTH* THE GUARDS!!

HUF

HUF

FWUMP

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU'RE ACTING SO STRANGELY!

BEFORE YOUR BUTLER COMES BACK!!!

YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE VILLAGE!!

KAYA, YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!!

GRAB!!

I'VE GOT NO CHOICE. I'LL HAVE TO USE FORCE!

GASP!

HE SNUCK ONTO THE ESTATE!

THERE HE IS! THERE'S USOPP!

UH-OH! THE VILLAGERS!!

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!!!

YOU'LL FIND OUT THE TRUTH TOMOR-ROW! FOR NOW, I'VE GOT TO GET YOU AWAY FROM HERE!!

TUG TUG

USOPP, NO! LET ME GO!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME, USOPP!!!

RAAAAAAAAAAAA

SNA CK

!!

YOU'RE THE DASTARDLY VILLAIN!!!

IT'S YOU, USOPP!!

NO!!!

GA !!

KA-KLIK...!!

SC

RUFFIAN! GET AWAY FROM MISS KAYA!!!

BOOM

!!! TMP TMP TMP TMP

...!!

STOP, BLAST YOU!

TMPTMPTMP

USOPP'S GETTING AWAY!!

BUT, MISS KAYA-- HE WAS...

STOP! YOU'LL HIT HIM!!

HE'S A VIOLENT CRIMINAL!

THERE HE IS! GET HIM!

WHY WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME?

ARGH! MY LEFT ARM!!

PLIP

PLIP

MISS KAYA! GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!

PNUMP

WAP

!

YOU'VE STOOPED TO VIOLENCE, USOPP?

VIOLENT!?

YAHHH!

TMDTMP.

...!!

MPTMPTMP

READ THIS WAY

"TOMOR-ROW MORNING ...

...ATTACK THE VILLAGE AT DAWN!"

SKIF SKIF SKIF SKIF

KAW

KAW

HUH!

...

!

HEY! CAP-TAIN!!!

SOB!!

...!!!

GASP!

HEY, YOU GUYS!

RUB RUB SWIP

...!!

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY AND WARN EVERY-ONE ABOUT THE PI-RATES!!

CAPTAIN! WE HEARD WHAT'S GOING ON!

YEAH, I MUST'VE DOZED OFF.

HE TOOK A LONG NAP.

ALIVE?

YOU'RE ALIVE!?

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

?

YOU'VE STOOPED TO VIOLENCE, USOPP?

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S A DASTARDLY VILLAIN!!!

...WARN... EVERYONE...

HUH?

...

GOT SO MAD AT THAT BUTLER...

I MADE UP A LIE ABOUT HIM BEING A PIRATE!!

NAHAHAHAHA!

I JUST MADE IT ALL UP, AS USUAL !!

TA-DA!!

HUH?

THE CAPTAIN EVEN FOOLED THE STRAW HAT GUY.

SHUCKS, I THOUGHT SOMETHING EXCITING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN!

WHAT!? IT'S A LIE!?

BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THE CAPTAIN WOULD LIE TO HURT SOMEONE!

I DON'T LIKE THAT BUTLER...

OR ME!

YEAH, ME NEITHER!

!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE CAPTAIN WOULD DO THAT.

??

...

WONDER WHAT WE'RE HAVING...

YEAH! IT'S DINNER TIME!

LET'S GO HOME!

...

NO ONE'LL BELIEVE ME! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN!

IT'S 'CAUSE I'M A LIAR.

SPLAP

BUT NO ONE WILL BELIEVE ME!

THEY'RE COMING, ALL RIGHT.

SPLASH

THEY ALL THINK TOMORROW WILL BE JUST ANOTHER PEACEFUL DAY...

BUT THE FACTS ARE STILL THE FACTS...

PIRATES REALLY *ARE* COMING, AREN'T THEY?

DON

I MAY BE A LIAR...

SO IT'S UP TO ME TO MEET THOSE PIRATES AND FIGHT THEM OFF!!!

....BUT ***THIS*** TIME MY TALE WILL COME TRUE!!

THEN I'LL HAVE A **REAL** TALL TALE TO TELL!

!

AND THEY CAN CHASE ME WITH BROOMS, BUT THIS VILLAGE IS MY HOME.

THEY CAN SHOOT ME IN THE ARM...

I'VE GOT TO PROTECT MY NEIGHBORS!!!

I LOVE THIS VILLAGE!!!

YOU'VE GOT A NOBLE HEART! YOU SENT YOUR CREW AWAY SO YOU COULD FACE THE DANGER ALONE.

...

BUT I REFUSE TO LET EVERYONE GET MURDERED!!

THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME TO PLAN...

HUH...?

I'M TELLING YOU NOW, THE TREASURE'S ALL MINE!

TA—DA

WELL, THEN, WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU.

FROM EIICHIRO ODA'S MAILBAG:

OKAY! AT THE END OF VOLUME 2 OF THE JAPANESE GRAPHIC NOVEL, WE ASKED OUR READERS FOR LETTERS. SO THIS IS THE LETTERS SECTION. WE GOT SOME GREAT MAIL!

READERS' QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS ARE INDICATED BELOW WITH A "Q," AND MY ANSWERS ARE INDICATED WITH AN "A." I RANDOMLY SELECTED A FEW LETTERS TO ANSWER.

Q: HOW OLD ARE LUFFY, ZOLO, NAMI AND SHANKS?

A: I GOT A LOT OF LETTERS ASKING THIS QUESTION. A WHOLE LOT. IN TERMS OF NUMBERS, IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST ASKED QUESTION. CURRENTLY, LUFFY IS 17, ZOLO IS 19, AND NAMI IS 18. SHANKS IS CURRENTLY MISSING, BUT I'LL TELL YOU HOW OLD HE WAS 10 YEARS AGO. WHEN HE WAS AT LUFFY'S VILLAGE, HE WAS 27 YEARS OLD.

Q: WHY ARE ALL THE BAD GUYS SO STRANGE?

A: STRANGE? HMM... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, MAYBE THEY ARE A LITTLE STRANGE. BUT I THINK THEIR STRANGENESS MAKES THEM MYSTERIOUS. DOESN'T THAT MAKE THEM MORE APPEALING?

Q: EICHIRO ODA SENSEI, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU CAN REALLY STRETCH YOUR ARMS AND LEGS? I READ THAT IN A MAGAZINE.

A: HEY! I THINK IT ALSO SAID THAT'S A SECRET!